

## ABSTRACT

A method and system for managing Priority Messages in a hybrid TDMA-Spread Spectrum (TDMA-SS) communication system is provided. The method and system include a HUB for generating a HUB TDMA epoch, wherein the HUB TDMA epoch includes at least one Priority Message (PM) slot. The PM slot includes a plurality of assignable PM sub-slots. The method and system also include at least one SPOKE, wherein the at least one SPOKE is adapted to transmit a Priority Message during its assigned PM sub-slot within the HUB TDMA epoch.